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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Claims 28-32 and 36-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Southwick U.S. Patent No. 5,292,795 (hereinafter referred to as "Southwick"). The applicant appreciates that the subject matter of claim 33 is allowed and respectfully traverses the rejection.

The applicant thanks Examiner Webb for permitting the applicant to conduct an interview on this application on August 14, 2006. The applicant discussed how the applicant's invention is distinguished from Southwick, because Southwick only teaches emulsions and dispersions but does not teach microemulsions.

The applicant pointed out differences of emulsions, dispersions and microemulsions during the interview. The difference between microemulsions and emulsions is that microemulsions are thermodynamically stable and emulsions are kinetically stable as described on page 2 of the specification. The microemulsion has improved stability compared to a normal emulsion.

It was agreed that Southwick failed to teach or render obvious the applicant's specific thermodynamic state of a microemulsion. During the interview an agreement was reached and the Examiner indicated that case would be allowable subject to an updated search.

In view of the above remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 05899-00016-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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